

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-21 (Cancelled)

22. (New) A method of treating a hypertensive subject having a normal to above normal plasma renin activity level comprising:

- A. administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take a low dose of an R drug;
- B. after step A, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take an increased dose of the R drug;
- C. after step B, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take, instead of the R drug, a low dose of a V drug; and
- D. after step C, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take an increased dose of the V drug,

wherein said method does not include a washout period before step A.

23. (New) A method of treating a hypertensive subject having a normal to below normal plasma renin activity level comprising:

- A. administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take a low dose of an V drug;
- B. after step A, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take an increased dose of the V drug;

- C. after step B, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take, instead of the V drug, a low dose of a R drug; and
- D. after step C, measuring the subject's BP and if the subject's BP is not controlled, administering to the subject or instructing the subject to take an increased dose of the R drug,

wherein said method does not include a washout period before step A.

24. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the normal plasma renin level is about 0.65 ng/ml/hr.

25. (New) The method of claims 23, wherein the normal plasma renin level is about 0.65 ng/ml/hr.